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SENATOR CROSBY: One minute.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: ...provide more money in state aid, we need to understand the impact of increasing valuations, perhaps, and the distribution formula that goes to cities, counties and others that are presently there, NRDs in this case.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Crosby, members of the Legislature, I think one of the important things you can do with this amendment is deliver a kind of meaningful message to the Appropriations Committee and to the Revenue Committee. And that message would be the distinction between solving this problem by adding more money, that is by simply increasing General Funds to the NRDs and increasing General Funds and the overall expenditures, or solving the problem by shifting some of the windfall that's going to the counties and cities, a small portion of it, less than 10 percent of it to the NRDs and by that mechanism not increasing by another \$1.5 million the General Fund expenditures, but rather keeping the overall expenditures the same and shifting the resources as among classes of subdivisions. If you adopt this amendment, if you consider the amendment, you adopt the amendment, Senator Coordsen if indicated there may be some massaging necessary. Wickersham is concerned with preciseness, and I'm glad he is. But there is a place for that and a time for that and it can But in order for it to happen you have to ask them to make it happen. If you vote for this amendment, it's going to solve a major problem of the NRDs. It's not going to create any sort of major distribution problems for the cities and counties because, one, even with the amendment they're still getting over \$11 million in new money, \$11 million in new money. small amount of money proportionally that's being taken from this fund can't conceivably, can't conceivably cause any sort of major problem. I mean it just defies logic in terms of the total funding mechanisms that we're talking about for cities and counties that that much money could cause any sort of a problem. And if you make this decision, then the committees will come around and they will be more precise when the timing is appropriate for them. But what we ought to do in the mean, in my opinion at least, is to make the basic adjustment that